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# THE TITUS FAMILY IN AMERICA.

## THREE GENERATIONS.

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ROBERT TITUS, the first of the name in America, was born in England in 1600, probably St. Catherine's parish, near Stansted Abbots, Hertfordshire, some thirty miles north of London. There is a probability that Robert was of the same family of Col. Silas Titus who played quite a part in the politics of his time. The father of Col. Silas was also Silas, and Silas senior had three sons, Silas, Stephen, and one other son, whom the record does not mention, but whom we suppose was Robert, who at the time was in America. Silas, Senr.,\* married Constancia —, who d. October 22, 1667. He d. Nov. 24, 1637. Their children were : Robert (?), b. 1600, removed to America in 1635 ; Silas, b. 1622 ; Stephen, d. March 30, 1671.

SILAS TITUS, Jr., m. Catherine Winstanley, daughter of James Winstanley, Esq., of Lancastershire. He entered a commoner of Christ's Church, Oxford, in 1637, and became about 1640 a member of one of the Inns of Court. In the grand rebellion, when parliament raised an army against the king, he obtained a captain's commission, but disapproving of the course pursued by the Independents, abandoned his colors for the royal standard, and was subsequently of eminent service to the two Charleses. Col. Silas Titus was a man of wit, and the author of a famous pamphlet called "Killing no Murder." It was published anonymously, and created a stir in political circles. King Charles rewarded him for services rendered. He d. in December, 1704, aged 82, and was interred in the chancel of the parish church of St. James, at Bushey, in Hertfordshire, where his father and other members of the family also lie buried.†

1. ROBERT TITUS embarked from London April 3, 1635. The following is the entry in the passenger list, preserved in the Public Record Office, London. "Theis under written names are to be transported to New England, imbarqued in ye Hopewell, Mr. Wm. Bundick. The p'ties have brought certificate from the Minister & justices of Peace that they are no Subsedy men, they have taken the oath of Alleg. & Supremacie,

ROBERT TITUS, Husbandman of St. Katherin's, (aged)	35
HANNAH TITUS, uxor	31
JO. TITUS	8
EDMOND TITUS	5 "

They arrived at Boston in a few weeks following, and soon were granted land in the present town of Brookline, near Muddy River, adjoining Boston. Here the family remained two or three years, when they removed to the town of Weymouth, some nine miles to the southeast. Their land is described in the records of the town of Weymouth, and was located in the present village of North Weymouth, and is not far from the unfortunate

\* Chauncey's Historical Antiquities of Hertfordshire, Vol. II., p. 462.

† Gough's Camden's Britannia, Vol. II., p. 163 : Clutterbuck's Hist. of Hertfordshire, Vol. II., p. 344 ; Granger's Biographical Hist. of England, Vol. II., pp. 165, 311 ; Burke's Dic. of Landed Gentry, p. 1616, note ; Clarke's Handbook of Heraldry, pp. 159, 172 ; Hume and Macaulay mention Col. Silas in that era of English history ; Book of family Crests (Washburn's, London), plate 63, fig. 4 : Journals of House of Commons, Vol. VIII., p. 215 ; Harleian Miss. Vol. IV., p. 290, etc.

settlement which Capt. Weston made in Sept., 1622. In the spring of 1644 Robert, in company with some forty families, removed with the minister of the Weymouth parish, Rev. Samuel Newman, to the town of Rehoboth, just east of Providence, R. I. He was one of the founders of the first parish. While a resident of Rehoboth he was often entrusted by the freemen with offices of confidence. He was Commissioner for the Court of Plymouth from Rehoboth the years 1648-9, and 1650 and 1654. He had some trouble with the authorities because he harbored Abney Ordway and family, they being of "evil fame," which, the author supposes, means they were Quakers. He soon after gave notice of his intention to leave the colony. He sold his property to Robert Jones, of Nantasket, 23d 3d mo., 1654, and we fix this as about the date of his migration to Long Island. According to Thompson, his sons Samuel, Abiel, and Content, were freeholders in Huntington in 1666. John, the oldest son, remained in Rehoboth, north Purchase, now Attleboro, and Edmond came to Hempstead as early as 1650. The will of Hannah Titus, widow of Robert, was made May 14, 1672. Letters of administration were granted her son Content by Governor Andros, and an inventory made of the estate which amounted to £52 13s. 6d, March 24, 1678-9. The following is a literal copy of her will, made at Huntington, L. I., where her home was. The original is on file in the office of the Clerk of the Court of Appeals, at Albany, N. Y.:

" May 14th 1672. The last Will and testament of Hanna Titus, being  
in prefit memory, I bequeath my sowl to God that gave it, and my body to  
the earth, and for my Estate I despose of it as followeth:—Imprimis I give  
to my sonn Content my house and all my land; and out of the forsaide  
house and Lands I give to my sonn John tenn poundes, which my son  
Content is to pay him. And also I give to my son John my mare, and  
to my son Edmond I give a horse, and to my son Samuel a browne cow,  
and a yearlen stear, and I give to my son Samuel's wife my warming pan,  
and to my son Abialle's wife my smothing yron and to my son Contente's  
wife my Skimar, and for what remnantes of sarg and cloth I have, my will  
is, that it be equally divided among all my children, and to my dafter Su-  
sana I give my sarg hoode, and for all the rest of my estate within the  
house and without it, I give to my sun Abiall and Content to be equally  
divided between them two, and to this my will I set my hand in the pres-  
ence of RICHARD WILLIAMES the H marke of  
THOMAS SKIDMORE Hanna Titus.

THOMAS SKIDMORE                          Anna Titus.

Richard Williams being one of the witnesses to this will have given  
his oath to the truth of it before me                          Jonas Wood

this 28 of May '79.

RICHARD WILLIAMES  
THOMAS SKIDMORE  
the H marke of  
Hana Titus.

Thomas Skidmore being a witness to ye w<sup>th</sup> in written will doth declare  
in ye presence of God to ye truth of it before me

Thomas Skidmore being a witness to y<sup>e</sup> w<sup>th</sup> in written will doth declare  
in y<sup>e</sup> presence of God to y<sup>e</sup> truth of it before me

Isaac Platt, Constable  
In the absence of y<sup>e</sup> Justice.

Huntington, December y<sup>e</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 1679."

## CHILDREN OF ROBERT TITUS AND WIFE HANNAH.

2. i. JOHN, b. in Eng., 1627; d. April 16, 1689.  
 3. ii. EDMOND, b. in Eng., 1630; d. 17 day 2d mo., 1727.

4. iii. SAMUEL.  
iv. SUSANNA, mentioned in her mother's will.  
5. v. ABIEL, b. in Weymouth, Mar. 17, 1640-1; d. ——, 1736-7.  
6. vi. CONTENT, b. in Weymouth, Mar. 28, 1643; d. Jan. 17, 1730.

2. JOHN<sup>2</sup> TITUS (Robert<sup>1</sup>), b. in England, 1627; m. Abigail<sup>2</sup> Carpenter (William<sup>1</sup>). He d. April 16, 1689. His widow m., 2d, Jonah Palmer, Sen., Nov. 9, 1692, and d. wid. Mar. 5, 1710. He was one of the original purchasers of Rehoboth, north Purchase, now Attleboro, and was an active citizen in church and State. He and his son John, Jr., were engaged in the King Philip Indian war [1675], this renowned chieftain residing but a few miles distant. Children :

7. i. JOHN, Jr., b. Dec. 18, 1650; d. Dec. 2, 1697.  
ii. ABIGAL, b. Feb. 18, 1652; m. John Fuller, Apr. 25, 1673.  
8. iii. SILAS, b. May 18, 1656.  
iv. HANNAH, b. Nov. 28, 1658; d. Nov. 12, 1673.  
9. v. SAMUEL, b. June 1, 1661; d. July 13, 1726.  
10. vi. JOSEPH, } twins, born } Mary, m. Richard  
vii. MARY, or MERCY, } Mar. 17, 1665; } Bowen, Jan. 9, 1683.  
viii. EXPERIENCE, b. Oct. 9, 1669; m. Leonard Newsom, June 12, 169—.

3. EDMOND TITUS<sup>2</sup> (Robert<sup>1</sup>), b. in England in 1630. He resided with his parents until 1650, when, according to Thompson, he came to Hempstead, where he resided a short time, thence to Old Westbury. The land at Old Westbury is still in the possession of the family. Edmond Titus early became a Quaker or Friend, for which he suffered many things at the hands of the authorities.

From the records of the Quarterly Meeting we extract the following : "Edmond Titus, one that Received ye truth many years since and lived and dyed in it. In his latter days his Eyes grew dim that he could not see and thick of hearing, all which he bore very patiently. In the time of his last sickness his daughter Phebe field standing by him, he said, my Life is in Christ my God," with many more comfortable words. His Last words were these :—I have put away all filthiness & superfluity & Hautiness. I have Received with meekness ye engrrafted word that is Able to save the soul & soon departed this life in a quiet frame of Spirit sensible to the last ye 7 d. 2d mo., 1715 aged near 85 years." [N. Y. GENEALOGICAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL RECORD, 1876, p. 42.] "His wife survived him twelve years and died the 17th of 2d mo. 1727 in ye ninetieth year of her age. Some years before her death she was helpless and kept her bed. Her natural faculties became much impaired ; yet she retained a lively sense of the Divine goodness, and many times near her door, feeling the fresh springs of Divine life to well up in her soul, she would exhort her children and others to wait upon God, that they might thereby be made sensible of the workings of Truth in their hearts which was the way through obedience thereunto to find peace with God."

Edmond Titus m. Martha, dau. of Wm. and Jane Washburne, Hempstead, who d. —— 2d mo., 1727, aged about 90. The following were their children :

- 11. i. SAMUEL, b. 6th mo., 1658.
- ii. PHEBE, b. 1st mo., 1660; m., 1st, Sam'l Scudder, 2d, Robert Field.
- iii. MARTHA, b. 1st mo., 1663, m. Benj. Seaman.
- iv. MARY, b. 5th mo., 1665, m. William Willis.
- v. HANNAH, b. 9th mo., 1667, m. Benj. Smith.
- vi. JANE, b. 2d mo., 1670, m. James Denton.
- 12. vii. JOHN, b. 29th of 2d mo., 1672.
- 13. viii. PETER, b. 6th mo., 1674.
- 14. ix. SILAS, b. 3d of 8th mo., 1676.
- x. PATIENCE, b. 4th of 12th mo., 1678, m. Nicholas Haight.
- xi. TEMPERANCE, b. 1st of 3d mo., 1681; d. 15th of 11th mo., 1704.

4. SAMUEL,<sup>2</sup> (Robert<sup>1</sup>) supposed to have been born in Brookline (near Boston), or Weymouth; removed with his parents to Huntington, L. I. He was called "Sargent." He married and had a family of daughters, as follows :

- i. HANNAH, b. April 14, 1669; m. (?) John Buffet, 1696.
- ii. REBECKA, b. Oct. 28, 1675.
- iii. PATIENCE, b. April 27, 1677.
- iv. EXPERIENCE, b. April 27, 1680.

5. ABIEL,<sup>2</sup> (Robert<sup>1</sup>) b. in Weymouth, Mass., March 17, 1640-1. A land holder in Huntington, L. I., 1666; m. —, Scuder; d. 1736-7, aged 96. Children :

- i. MARY, b. March 12, 1673-4.
- ii. REBECA, b. Oct. 21, 1676.
- 15. iii. ABIEL, b. March 15, 1678-9.
- 16. iv. HENRY, b. March 6, 1681-2.
- 17. v. JOHN, b. April 9, 1684.

6. CONTENT TITUS<sup>2</sup> (Robert<sup>1</sup>), b. in Weymouth, Mass., March 28, 1643. A land holder in Huntington, 1666; in Newtown in 1672. He m. Elizabeth —, a dau. of Rev. John Moore. He was a very active man in the affairs of church and State. He was a captain in the war against the Indians and became an elder of the Presbyterian Church at the age of 80. He died Jan. 17, 1730, aged 87. His gravestone is in the S. W. corner of the ancient burial place in Newtown.

- i. ROBERT, said to have gone to Delaware.
- 18. ii. SILAS, d. Nov. 2, 1748.
- 19. iii. JOHN.
- iv. TIMOTHY, settled in Hopewell, N. J.
- v. HANNAH, d. unmar.
- vi. PHEBE, m. Jonathan Hunt.
- vii. ABIGAIL, m. George Furniss or Ferris.

7. JOHN<sup>3</sup> (John,<sup>2</sup> Robert<sup>1</sup>), b. in Rehoboth, Dec. 18, 1650; m. 1st, Lydia Redway, July 17, 1673, who d. Nov. 25, 1676. He m. 2d, Sarah

Miller, July 3, 1677. "Widow" Sarah Titus d. March 10, 1752. John Titus d. Dec. 2, 1797. Children :

- i. LYDIA, b. Dec. 6, 1674 (by first wife); unmar. in 1715.
- ii. JOHN, b. March 12, 1678; d. April 16, 1758.
- iii. SAMUEL, b. July 29, 1680.
- iv. HANNAH, b. Nov. 10, 1682; m. Nath. Willis.
- v. ROBERT, b. Feb. 23, 1684.
- vi. SARAH, b. Feb. 21, 1687-8; m. John Gauzy.
- vii. ELIZABETH, b. May 5, 1691; m. John Gauzy, Jr.
- viii. TIMOTHY, b. Dec. 16, 1692.
- ix. ABIGAIL, b. April 25, 1695; d. April 15, 1715.

8. SILAS TITUS<sup>3</sup> (John<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>), b. in Rehoboth, May 18, 1656; m. 1st, Sarah Battelle of Dedham, Oct. 23, 1679, who d. April 8, 1689; m. 2d, Hannah Thurston, July 4, 1689; prob. m. 3d, Mehitable Ornisbee, Jan. 24, 1716-7. He d. ——, 1741. Children :

- i. MARY, b. March 30, 1681-2.
- ii. SILAS, b. Aug. 12, 1683 (perhaps '79).
- iii. ABIGAIL, b. March 13, 1685-6; unmar.
- iv. MARTHA, b. April 1, 1690; d. unmar. Sept. 18, 1762.

#### BY SECOND WIFE.

- v. PAUL, b. May 14, 1680; "enlisted in expedition against Canada," as per will made June 30, 1746. Probated July 9, 1747, Providence, R. I. "He d. Jan. 4, 1746-7, at Oldtown, Martha's Vinyard."
- vi. ESTHER, b. Oct. 17, 1692; m. John Hill.

9. SAMUEL TITUS<sup>3</sup> (John<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>), b. in Rehoboth, June 1, 1661; m. Elizabeth, dau. of John Jonson, Nov. 27, 1693, who died Sept. 5-15, 1726. Children :

- i. ELIZABETH, b. June 13, 1695; m. Joseph Streeter.
- ii. ABIGAIL, b. Dec. 16, 1697; d. April 15, 1715.
- iii. SAMUEL, b. Jan. 29, 1699-1700.
- iv. JOHN, b. June 20, 1703.

10. JOSEPH TITUS<sup>3</sup> (John<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>), b. in Rehoboth, March 17, 1665; a twin of Mary; m. Martha Palmer, Jan. 19, 1687-8, dau. of Jonah. Children :

- i. JOSEPH, b. Nov. 12, 1688.
- ii. JONAH, b. Jan. 19, 1690.
- iii. BENJAMIN, b. Sept. 4, 169—.
- iv. NOAH, b. April 22, 1696; d. June 8, 1722.
- v. MARTHA, b. Dec. 20, 1698; d. Feb. 12, 1737.
- vi. MERCY, b. Sept. 5, 1701.
- vii. LYDIA, b. Sept. 16, 1703; m. Sept. 20, 1727, Zacariah Field, of Providence.
- viii. ABIJAH (or Abigail), b. Nov. 23, 1706.
- ix. PHEBE, b. May 9, 1709; m. Nov. 15, 1735, John Mathews.

11. SAMUEL TITUS<sup>3</sup> (Edmond,<sup>2</sup> Robert<sup>1</sup>), b. at Westbury, 1658; m. 1st, Elizabeth, dau. of Thomas Powell; m. 2d, Elizabeth, wid. of John Prior of Mantinecock, and dau. of John Bowne of Flushing. She d. Oct. 14, 1721. He d. Jan. 1, 1732-3, aged about 75 years. Children, by 1st wife:

- i. PHEBE, b. 8, 8th mo., 1693.
- ii. TEMPERANCE, b. 6, 1st mo., 1695-6; d. 15, 2d mo., 1704.
- iii. MARTHA, b. 23, 12th mo., 1698-9.
- iv. SAMUEL, b. 23, 9th mo., 1702; d. 19, 2d mo., 1750.

12. JOHN TITUS<sup>3</sup> (Edmond,<sup>2</sup> Robert<sup>1</sup>), b. at Westbury 29, 2d mo., 1672; m. 1st, Sarah, dau. of Henry Willis, who d. 1, 1st mo., 1729-30, aged 58, m., 2d, Mary Smith, wid. of John, 7, 1st mo., 1732. Lived in the north part of Westbury. He d. 4, 1st mo., 1751. Children by 1st wife:

- i. MARY, b. 13, 4th mo., 1696, m. Henry Pearsall.
- ii. JOHN, b. 28, 5th mo., 1698.
- iii. PHILADELPHIA, b. 29, 9th mo., 1700; m. Thomas Seaman.
- iv. JACOB, b. 1, 5th mo., 1703.
- v. WILLIAM, b. 23, 7th mo., 1705.
- vi. SARAH, b. 7, 1st mo., 1708; m. Edmond Titus.
- vii. PHEBE, b. 6, 5th mo., 1710; m. John Ridgeway.
- viii. RICHARD, (by 2d wife) b. ——; (not 21 when will was made in 1747.)

13. PETER TITUS<sup>3</sup> (Edmond,<sup>2</sup> Robert<sup>1</sup>), b. at Westbury, 6 mo., 1674; m. Martha, dau. of John Jackson, of Jerusalem. She d. 10, 12mo., 1753, (N. S.) He d. 23, 10th mo., 1753, (N. S.) Children:

- i. JAMES, b. ——; m. Jane Seaman.
- ii. JOHN, b. ——; m. Amy Barker, dau. of Samuel.
- iii. RICHARD, b. ——; m. Mary Peters.
- iv. ELIZABETH, b. ——; m. Henry Townsend.
- v. PETER, b. ——; m. Mary Scudder.
- vi. ROBERT, b. ——; d. unmar., 1756.

14. SILAS TITUS<sup>3</sup> (Edmond,<sup>2</sup> Robert<sup>1</sup>), b. at Westbury, 3, 8th mo., 1676; m. Sarah Haight, of Flushing, 8, 10th mo., 1704, (a sister of Nickolas who m. Patience Titus, dau. of Edmond). His will was probated June 8, 1750. He mentions wife Sarah and children, except David, who died previous to the making of the will in 1747. Children:

- i. EDMOND, b. 1, 8th mo., 1705; m. Sarah Titus.
- ii. TEMPERANCE, b. 14, 10th mo., 1707.
- iii. SILAS, b. 14, 9th mo., 1709.
- iv. SARAH, b. 6, 8mo., 1711; m. Wm. Walmsley, of Pennsylvania, for an account of this family see History of Byberry and Moreland, Pa., p. 339, et seq.
- v. HANNAH, b. 29, 9th mo., 1713; d. — 9th mo., 1714.
- vi. PHEBE, b. 27, 7th mo., 1717; m. Benj. Hicks and d. 2, 2d mo., 1800.
- vii. DAVID, b. 20, 4th mo., 1719.

viii. WILLIAM, b. 14, 8th mo., 1722.  
 ix. MARY, b. 8, 3 mo., 1725; m. Thomas Walton of Pennsylvania.

15. ABIEL<sup>3</sup> (Abiel<sup>2</sup> Robert<sup>1</sup>), b. in Huntington, March 15, 1678-9; m. Irena —. She or a former wife, prob. dau. of Samuel Smith, Huntington. His will was made Jan. 3, 1759, and probated May 4, 1759. Children:

- i. SILAS.
- ii. ABIEL, (oldest son in 1725.)
- iii. BENJAMIN.
- iv. —, prob. Timothy (not mentioned in will).
- v. RUTH, m. Gould.
- vi. ANN, m. Ketchum.
- vii. MARY.
- viii. PHEBE.

16. HENRY TITUS<sup>3</sup> (Abiel,<sup>2</sup> Robert<sup>1</sup>), b. Huntington, March 6, 1681-2; m. Rachael Pugsley. His will was made Nov. 23, 1725. Probated Jan. 26, 1725-6.

17. JOHN TITUS<sup>3</sup> (Abiel,<sup>2</sup> Robert<sup>1</sup>), b. in Huntington, April 9, 1684; m. 1st Sarah Platt, m. 2d widow, Martha (Oldfield) Huggins, Feb. 21, 1742-3, John Titus; d. June 4, 1754. His wife surviving m. Samuel Brush, and being left a widow again, m. her fourth husband John Wood. She d. Aug. 24, 1798, aged 84. Her last husband, John Wood, d. June 1, 1801, aged 90. Children by 1st wife (Platt). He was a master of vessels and called Capt.

- i. JOHN, b. —, 1721; m. wid. — Hughes, who afterwards m. — Johnson. He d. Jan. 22, 1751, aged 30, leaving two sons John and Jonas.
- ii. HENRY, b. — 1723; m. Jane Wood, d. 1754, leaving son Henry and dau. Sarah. His will says "wife now quick with child."
- iii. JONATHAN, b. —; bapt., Oct. 30, 1726; m. 1st, Martha Ketchum, 2d, Sarah Brush.
- iv. PLATT.
- v. ZEBULON, m., Feb. 27, 1760, Phebe Weeks, lived at Cold Spring Harbor.
- iv. SARAH.
- vii. REBECCA, m. Feb. 20, 1749-50, Richard Conklin.
- viii. ELIZABETH.

#### CHILDREN BY SECOND WIFE.

- ix. ISRAEL, b. Feb. 16, 1744; d. Aug. 15, 1811.
- x. JOSEPH, b. Feb. 6, 1747; d. May 10, 1829.
- xi. JOHN } twins, born { John d. June 21, 1830, at North
- xii. ABIEL } Mar. 6, 1752; { Salem, N. Y.; Abiel m. Ruth Woods, Mar. 8, 1776.

18. SILAS TITUS<sup>3</sup> (Content,<sup>2</sup> Robert<sup>1</sup>), b. in Newton; m. 1715, Sarah,

dau. of Edward Hunt, Silas Titus was prominent in State affairs and was an elder of the Presbyterian Church. He d. Nov. 2, 1748.

- i. EPHRAIM, m., removed to Hopewell, N. J., where his posterity reside.
- ii. EDWARD, m. Elizabeth, dau. of Benj. Cornish. He d. in 1780, he lived at Glendale.
- iii. JOHN.
- iv. SARAH, m. 1st, Francis Cornish, 2d, John Leverich.
- v. SUSAN, m. Nowel Furman.

19. JOHN TITUS<sup>3</sup> (Content,<sup>2</sup> Robert<sup>1</sup>), b. in Newtown; m. Rebecca —, removed to Hopewell, N. J.

- i. JOSEPH.
- ii. ANDREW.
- iii. SAMUEL, m. Rebecca.
- iv. BENJ.
- v. PHILIP.
- vi. JOHN.
- vii. THOMAS.
- viii. MARY, m. Josiah Hart.
- ix. REBECCA, m. Thomas Blackwell.



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